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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 May 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10580175.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Strzelec (6320507).

As to claim(s) 1, 6, Strzelec discloses:

An electronic article surveillance system for making an alarm decision, the article surveillance system, in transmission of pulses, being configured to emit an electromagnetic field and between the transmission pulses, and being configured to receive reply signals from at least one alarm label located within a surveillance zone of the article surveillance system (fig. 1-4)., the system comprising:
means for sampling a response signal, received after completed transmission of a transmission pulse; means for identifying zero crossings of the sampled reply signal (fig. 2, 4; [5, 11-32]);
means for determining agreement between phase positions of the zero crossings and corresponding phase positions of zero crossings of a reply signal, received and sampled after a previously emitted transmission pulse; and means for making an alarm decision on the basis of the degree of agreement in phase position ([5, 11-32]; [7, 6-31]; [8, 29-43]).

As to claim(s) 2, 7, Strzelec discloses:

said previously emitted transmission pulse is the preceding transmission pulse (fig. 4; [7, 6-31]; [8, 29-43]).

As to claim(s) 3, 8, 11, 14, Strzelec discloses:

an alarm is initiated if the degree of agreement in phase position exceeds a predetermined value ([7, 6-31]; [8, 29-43]).

As to claim(s) 4, 9, 12, 15, Strzelec discloses:

the alarm decision is made on the basis of an additional characteristic of the received reply signal ([7, 6-31]; [8, 29-43]).

As to claim(s) 5, 10, 13, 16, Strzelec discloses:

the additional characteristic concerns the envelope of the received reply signal ([7, 6-31]; [8, 29-43]).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shirley Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8546. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Bugg can be reached on (571) 272-2998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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